

DOCUMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S REPORT
(September 28, 1981)

- I. COMMENTS - None.
- II. MEMORIAL RESOLUTION COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT - None.
- III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF MEMORIALS RECEIVED - None.
- IV. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
- A. David E. Hershey left the position of Director of Admissions and Records on December 31, 1980. Shirley Binder is now Director of Admissions.
- B. John Farrell, Associate Professor of English, has replaced Clarence Lasby on the University Council. Professor Lasby resigned.
- V. STATUS OF LEGISLATION APPROVED BY THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OR THE GENERAL FACULTY
- A. Items Completed Since the Last Report.
- D&P 8031-8033 Proposal to Amend the 1979-1981 College of Fine Arts Catalogue, page 23, Changes to be Incorporated in the 1981-1983 Catalogue. Item A, Dean's Honor List. Approved by the Chancellor on November 25, 1980.
- D&P 8218-8220 Proposed Calendar of the Long Session, 1982-1983, and Summer Session, 1982. Approved by the Board of Regents at the meeting of April 10, 1981.
- D&P 8300-8301 Proposal to Amend the 1980-1982 Catalogue of the College of Education to Change the Course Sequence for Career Option III, Special Education. Approved by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on August 21, 1981.
- D&P 8302-8303 Proposal to Amend the 1980-1982 Catalogue of the College of Education to Include a Newly Approved Secondary Teaching Field in Reading. Approved by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on August 20, 1981.
- D&P 8304-8306 Proposal to Amend the 1980-1982 School of Nursing Catalogue, page 16, Nursing Courses (Clinical and Nonclinical). Approved by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on September 10, 1981.
- D&P 8364-8365 Proposal to Amend the 1980-1982 Catalogue of the College of Education to Bring Honors Graduation to a Higher Level of Academic Excellence. Approved by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on August 21, 1981.

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Proposal to Amend the 1980-1982 Catalogue of the College of Education to Include the Understanding and Methodology Needed to Teach in a Multicultural Classroom. Approved by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on August 20, 1981.

D&M 13824-13825 Educational Policy Committee Recommendation Concerning Transfer of Credits with a Grade of D. Approved by the Board of Regents on April 10, 1981.

B. Items Returned, or Disapproved

D&P 7775-7776 Change in the Catalogue of the Law School, 1978-1980 (Pass/Fail Grading). Returned to dean for clarification on December 12, 1979.

D&P 7779 Proposal to Amend the 1979-1981 Catalogue of the College of Natural Sciences (B.S. in Microbiology to Replace B.S. in Medical Technology). Returned to dean for modifications on June 10, 1980.

D&P 8031-8033 Proposal to Amend the 1979-1981 College of Fine Arts Catalogue. Item B, Graduation With Honors. Returned by Chancellor to the College of Fine Arts for review, November 25, 1980.

D&P 8369-8370 Proposal to Amend the 1980-1982 School of Nursing Catalogue, page 14. Disapproved by the President on August 18, 1981. The following letter was dated August 18, 1981:

The School of Nursing legislation requiring a standard First Aid course as an entrance requirement, D&P 8369-8370, has been reviewed with the assistance of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research. Although it is commendable to have students trained in First Aid, there is not adequate academic justification to require students to pursue external, not-degree related training through agencies which have no direct affiliation with The University. Thus, I am returning this legislation without approval.

D&M 14186-14188 Recommendation from the Student Members of the University Council for Improving the Communication of Relevant Course Information to Students. Disapproved by the President on September 10, 1981. The following letter was dated September 10, 1981:

After considerable discussion, I have decided not to approve the recommendation. The proposed legislation would, I believe, impose excessively rigid requirements upon classroom teachers. It would preclude instructor judgment in matters of time extensions for written assignments or final grades, and inhibit pedagogically sound and necessary schedule changes (e.g., field trips, additional reading assignments, "pop

quizzes"). The proposed addition to the Handbook of Operating Procedures also raises implementation problems, in view of the wide diversity of format in U.T. Austin instructional processes.

I believe that a more effective approach is to improve implementation of existing University guidelines and procedures. In particular, I am asking the deans to monitor the practices in their respective colleges and schools by which communication of relevant course information to students occurs. I also intend to request that the deans review those materials which describe instructional practices and processes in their respective colleges and schools in an effort to improve the information communicated to students regarding course expectations and requirements.

D&M 14189-14193 Proposal by the General Faculty for an Undergraduate University Requirement in English. Action deferred until the 1981-1982 Spring Semester by the President on September 10, 1981. The following letter was dated September 10, 1981:

I have reviewed the "Proposal by the General Faculty for an Undergraduate University Requirement in English" (D&M 14189-14193) (enclosed) and am deferring action on it until the 1981-1982 spring semester.

I do not believe the proposal is sufficiently well-defined for effective implementation. I am particularly concerned about possible problems at the college/school level. Since the deans already have been charged by the University Council with reporting to me by January 1, 1982, on preliminary steps that are being taken in their respective schools and colleges to bring undergraduate degree requirements within the spirit of the report of the Committee on Basic Education Requirements, I plan to ask the deans to address at the same time their college/school concerns about the possible approval and implementation of the proposed change in the undergraduate English requirement. After I have received the deans' comments in January, I shall review again this legislative proposal.

C. Items Under Review by the Board of Regents.

D&P 8222-8225 Proposed Changes for the Catalogue of the College of Business Administration, as amended to
D&P 8297-8299 1982-1984. Approved by the Chancellor on August 11, 1981, for inclusion in the next U.T. Austin docket.

D. Items Under Review by the Office of the Chancellor None.

E. Items Under Review by the Office of the President.

D&P 8309-8331 Proposed Changes in the College of Engineering Catalogue for 1982-1984. Approved by the University Council on May 28, 1981, by the circularization/no-protest procedure and transmitted to the President on May 29, 1981.

D&M 13819-13823 Recommendations by the Educational Policy Committee to the University Council that the U.T. Austin Credit by Examination Policies be Amended so that, beginning with the 1982 Summer Session, All Credit by Examination will be Recorded with the Credit-Only Symbol CR. Sent to President October 16, 1980. The following letter was received on January 12, 1981, from the President:

I write in regard to the University Council legislation concerning Credit by Examination (D&M 13819-13823). I have decided to withhold final action on this legislation until the University Council has completed its consideration of proposed changes in our general education requirements. I have reservations about the merit of the legislation and I shall postpone a decision until we as a faculty have considered our baccalaureate programs.

F. Items Under Review by the General Faculty.

D&M 14179-14180; Recommendations of the General Faculty Concerning Enrollment Limitations Imposed by Colleges and Schools. Approved by University Council on April 20, 1981; protested by General Faculty on May 28, 1981, by circularization. Placed on agenda for action at special meeting of General Faculty on October 1, 1981.

D&M 14181-14185; Recommendations of the General Faculty Concerning Changes in Admission Requirements with Regard to High School Preparation. Approved by University Council on May 11, 1981, protested by General Faculty on May 28, 1981, by circularization. Placed on agenda for action at special meeting of General Faculty on October 1, 1981.

C. Items Under Review by the Board of Regents.

Proposed Changes for the Catalogue of the College of Business Administration, 1982-1984. Approved by the Chancellor on August 11, 1981, for inclusion in the next U.T. Austin docket.

H. Paul Kelley, Secretary
The University Council

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